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IN THE FATHERLAND.

Bill to Reform Military Courts—The Luetzow Trial—William and Hohenlohe.

The Kaiser Has No Sympathy With Hamburg Strikers—The Naval Budget.

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—Intense dissatisfaction has been aroused throughout the country by the refusal of the government to accept amendments to the court's re-organization bill which resulted in its entire rejection. The reichstag's labor for a couple of years is thus destroyed. The bill was the result of demands made by the courts, lawyers and people alike for many years to abolish certain hardships, especially in the shape of inadequate safeguards for defendants on criminal cases and defects in the criminal court and court procedure.

The government insisted upon the introduction of fresh hardships and illiberal court measures in exchange for old ones. One of the most objectionable proposals of the government provided for the imprisonment of opposition paper editors in the event of refusal to disclose the authorship of articles, and the government also declines to accede to the granting of compensation to innocently convicted persons. This attitude of the government is certain to mean the loss of many seats in the bye-elections arising from the deaths and resignations of members of the Reichstag. The rejection of the bill, however, throws light upon the temper of the Reichstag, which is likely to reject the scheme for the reform of military courts, unless the bill proves more liberal than expected.

Incidentally the fall of the courts bill has deprived Herr Bebel of his chance of raising a debate on the Luetzow trial. He had amassed a lot of sensational matter which he is now unable to use until the second reading of the budget. The case, however, will be discussed in the diet on the police estimates.

Both the reichstag and the diet have adjourned for the holidays.

The Emperor was present at Prince Hohenlohe's parliamentary dinner on Thursday. His Majesty was cordial towards the Chancellor, and in conversation with party leaders like Luetzow, Manteuffel, Lieber and Rieckert, he intimated the hope that the next sacrifices demanded of the Fatherland would be cheerfully voted. This remark is understood to have referred to the naval budget and to the new artillery scheme of the Emperor.

The diet will re-assemble on January 8, and the reichstag on January 15.

Emperor William will spend Christmas with his family at Potsdam, the elder Princes arriving home to-day from the military academy at Ploen. Six splendid fir trees have been ordered from the Hartz mountains for the Imperial family. The distributing of gifts will take place in the Shell Hall of the new palace.

During the holidays His Majesty will make frequent use of the new athletic hall which is annexed to Non Bijou chateau, where he plays football and cricket with the elder Princes.

According to the evening papers His Majesty has little sympathy for the Hamburg strikers, and he is reported speaking to a guest of the chancellors to have expressed delight at the opposition of the employers to the "unjustifiable demands of the strikers." And he is said to have added that the victory of capital will be of advantage to the workman in the long run.

The Emperor has slightly gained in flesh lately, and looks healthy and more robust. On the other hand the Empress has grown remarkably slender.

The supreme Prussian court has confirmed the decree of the President of Posen forbidding the display of any flag or colors, save the Prussian and German.

The government has made a confidential declaration to the budget commission of the Reichstag regarding the projected re-arming of the artillery, for which it is stated 177,000,000 marks will be needed for Prussia alone. The whole matter is being handled with the utmost secrecy in order to keep the powers, especially France, in the dark respecting the precise character of the innovations.

Emperor William has dismissed from the service Naval Lieut. Kettelhiedt, who recently killed a lawyer named Jens in a duel after seducing the latter's wife.

Herr Fuchs, editor of a Socialist newspaper of Munich, has been sentenced to six months in jail for publishing a poem on Prince Bismarck. This is the first time such a conviction has been made since the fall of the Prince from power, and it is significant that the trial occurred in Bavaria and not in Prussia.

REFORMS FOR CUBA.

The Spanish Cabinet Considering What Is to Be Done.

Outrages in Manila—Proposed International Disarmament—Humbert and the Pope.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Senor Canovas del Castillo to-day had a long interview with the Duke of Tetuan, minister of foreign affairs, and Admiral Beranger, minister of marine. The subject of the discussion was kept secret, but it is understood the members of the Spanish cabinet are considering the introduction in the near future of political and administrative reforms for the colonies of Cuba and Porto Rico. Such action, if taken, it is believed, will lead to a reconstruction of the cabinet.

Senor Canovas Del Castillo, in an interview, said that he knew yesterday, through the medium of cablegrams received from Minister Delome, that a resolution looking to the independence of Cuba would be adopted by the U. S. senate committee on foreign affairs, but he does not believe that congress will eventually pass a resolution of this character.

The Standard says: "Nothing could be more uncompromising than the terms of the resolution. The shock to Spanish pride will be increased rather than mitigated by the tender of the President's friendly offices. Fortunately there is the constitutional time barrier against violent measures and though it is much to hope, it may be trusted as in the Venezuela scare that the calm judgment of the nation will over ride jingoism."

The Daily News thinks that little but talk will come of the resolution. "The jingoes," it says, "want to embarrass President Cleveland, who can afford to be embarrassed."

The Vossische Zeitung comments on the United States and Spanish difficulty and prints a lengthy review of the whole trouble, during which it says that it does not expect an immediate rupture, but fears a gradual drifting into war under the pressure of public opinion in Spain and the United States.

Private letters received here from Manila, the capital of the Philippine islands, state that the Spaniards there are resorting to torture to extort confessions and information from captured insurgents and spies. The instruments of torture used are from the time of the Inquisition, and consist of thumb screws, "Spanish" boots etc., etc., which are still preserved there.

The court of inquiry investigating the cause of the loss of the British steamer Memphis, from Montreal for Bristol, which went ashore on November 18 near Mizenhead on the south coast of Ireland, has suspended Capt. Williams' certificate for six months.

M. de Jeane, in the chamber of deputies to-day, offered a motion that the government summon an international conference of the powers with the view of a general disarmament and demand urgency for it. The urgency motion was opposed by the Premier, M. Melne, and was defeated by a vote of 490 to 35.

Cardinal Bausan, archbishop of Florence, had an audience of forty minutes with the King and Queen of Italy at the Pitti palace to-day. Considerable importance is attached to the visit.

CAUSED GREAT SENSATION.

Senator Cameron's Resolution for the Recognition of Cuba Causes Considerable Excitement in Madrid.

MADRID, Dec. 19.—The decision of the United States senate committee on foreign relations to report Senator Cameron's resolution for the recognition of the republic of Cuba caused a great sensation here. The papers enlarge upon the significance of the joint, compared with the concurrent resolution, and reproach the government and especially the Spanish minister at Washington for having been over-confident. The ministers here decline to talk on the subject and it is expected a cabinet meeting will be held to-day to discuss the situation.

Said a prominent politician: "The talk of the papers of Madrid and New York cannot be accepted as representing

the government's feeling. For instance, the statement that Senor Canovas has been sounding the European powers regarding the support they might send to Spain in case of war with the United States is absolutely untrue. Naturally Spain has the sympathy of several of the powers, as the question of United States interference in Cuba may to-morrow become a question of similar interference in Martinique, San Thomas and Jamaica. But Senor Canovas has not taken a step to seek support for Spain. He has never believed that the matter would become a question of war, and he and the Duke of Tetuan (minister of foreign affairs), have been acting with unceasing prudence, avoiding every possible thing that might lead to serious complications. Senor Canovas has unbounded confidence in U. S. Minister Taylor, and he has belief in the official professions of the friendship of the United States. Mr. Taylor and the Duke of Tetuan are warm friends. Fortunately the Cortes does not assemble before April, so the situation is shorn of possible embarrassments to the government from the fervidness of Spanish patriotism. The situation is not alarming, and I do not believe that the American people will go further than wild talk.

MINING COMPANIES.

British Columbia Far and Away Ahead of the Rest of the Dominion.

Civil Service Hours Lengthened—Seizures of Imported Prison Made Articles.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—A careful compilation of the capital accredited to all the chartered gold mining companies in Canada gives a total of over \$200,000,000. British Columbia heads the list in the number and wealth of its gold mining companies, while Ontario with its scarcely less extensive deposits of free milling ore in the Rainy River district, comes second. By provinces the figures stand: British Columbia, \$256,312,075; Ontario, \$32,094,900; New Brunswick, \$1,030,000; Manitoba, \$50,000.

The report is again in circulation that the civil service hours are about to be lengthened. It is also said that the ministers contemplate issuing an order prohibiting civil servants from being candidates for municipal offices.

At the Customs department it is learned that there has been many seizures of prison made articles from the United States during the past three months.

The Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen returned to Ottawa last night for the season, after a three months' stay in British Columbia.

The exports for November are well up to the average.

A number of Guelph and Toronto men are seeking incorporation as the Ontario and Kootenay Mining Co.

Capt. Sinclair, secretary to the Governor-General, leaves for Scotland next week. He has decided to contest Forfarshire in the Liberal interest.

CUBAN INDEPENDENCE.

Opinions of the Spanish Public and Press on the Congressional Resolutions.

MADRID, Dec. 19.—Although the resolution of the foreign relations committee of the United States senate did not cause surprise in Madrid, it has re-awakened indignation and is looked upon as proving that the prospect of the Americans making war is almost certain. Spain seems to be prepared for the worst, and is appealing to international sentiment to condemn the United States. The Spanish press is divided in its opinion on the subject.

El Epoca, Ministerialist, considers the adoption of the resolution as doubtful, "owing to the contradictory wording, including the independence of Cuba and friendly peace offices in one resolution."

El Epoca also thinks that President Cleveland will veto the resolution if passed, and "it will thus have a weakening effect."

El Nacional condemns what it classes as the "Unpatriotic attitude of the Spanish press," in attacking Captain General Weyler and other Spanish generals, claiming that this hurts their prestige with the army. But the National considers that war between Spain and the United States is impossible, even should the resolution be adopted, owing to the disastrous effect which it would have upon American finances. It thinks that the Americans "only aim at autonomy in Cuba."

TARIFF ON BREADSTUFFS.

Forceful Reasons Given Before the Commission Why the Duty Should Not Be Lowered.

MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—At the tariff commission here, D. Robertson, flour merchant, protested against the present protective tariff on breadstuffs of 75 cents a bushel on wheat and 75 cents a barrel on flour. The tariff of which he complained protected only three milling firms.

Robert Meighen, president of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, in a forcible address, combated Mr. Robertson's ideas. He denied that the flour millers were importers, and were enriching themselves at the expense of the farmer and consumers. Mr. Meighen said that the Canadian miller was paying the Northwest farmers a substantial advance over the prices paid in the United States, while the consumer got his flour as cheap if not cheaper than the American consumer. The effect of taking off the duties would be that United States trusts would put Canada at once upon an export basis and would ruin Canadian industry. There were thirty-five million dollars of capital invested in the Canadian industry, and he was convinced it would not be worth ten cents on the dollar if the duties were lowered. Mr. Meighen spoke forcibly and to the point.

CORNWALL ELECTION.

Mr. Snetsinger Elected to the House of Commons.

CORNWALL, Dec. 19.—(Special)—The bye-election here to-day resulted in the election of Snetsinger, Liberal, by a good majority. The constituency returned Bergin, Conservative, at last election, when there was also a Patron candidate in the field. To-day the Patron vote went largely with the Liberals, electing Snetsinger. Latest figures give him about 450 majority, with two places to hear from.

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COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Bishop Perrin and the Minister of Education Deliver Interesting Addresses.

A Resident Committee Formed to Conduct Local Examinations for Cambridge.

The closing entertainment given by the Collegiate School at Institute hall proved both successful and enjoyable. Between 200 and 300 people were present, including His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the Lord Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin, Sir Henry Crease and family, Mrs. Croft, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon, Dr. and Mrs. Hanington, Mrs. Sillitoe, Miss Pooley, Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Aspland, Rev. W. D. Barber, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley, the Misses Foster and Cornwall, Mr. Lobb and family, the Misses Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Helmcken, and many others directly or indirectly interested in the progress of the school. The entertainment began with with musical drill under the management of acting Garrison Sergeant-Major Porter, R.A., and the results of his training were gratifying both to the parents of the pupils and to himself. Mr. C. Lowenburg very kindly and ably presided at the piano during the drill, after which a picked squad of boys went through the single stick exercise very creditably.

The next portion of the programme was a speech by the Bishop, who presided as patron and chief of the school. In his remarks he dwelt upon the fact that Victoria was to be congratulated upon having a Church of England boys' school which provided religious instruction. He deplored the idea that it was possible to give a really good education without religious instruction, and referred to the fact that in proportion as nations separated themselves from religion so they began to decline in prosperity. He was glad to know that the Bishop and clergy of the neighboring diocese of New Westminster were as keenly interested in the success of the Collegiate as he was himself. He then announced the result of the scholarship examinations which was: The school scholarship to J. B. Hanington; the entrance or Bishop's scholarship to C. Wilmut. Both of these young gentlemen he wished a successful school career. In conclusion, he introduced Colonel Baker, who would, he said, speak on the question of the formation of a local committee to conduct the Cambridge local examinations; upon which the Minister of Education was especially qualified to speak as a Master of Arts of Trinity college, Cambridge.

Colonel Baker said that the idea of having a centre for the Cambridge local examination rested upon the fact that this examination was very widely acquired—first, as excusing a student from matriculation at the university; and secondly, as excusing a candidate from preliminary entrance examinations in law, and medicine. It seemed to him an admirable plan, and candidates here should be able to pass this examination, and so be on a par with boys and girls in England, and able, as it were, to measure their strength against those of their own age in the old country. He thought that Mr. Laing, of the Collegiate school, deserved great credit for having introduced the idea, and he hoped to see the educational establishment throughout British Columbia welcome and adopt it. After this introduction, J. B. Hanington gave, in Latin, "Cicero's Denunciation of Catiline"; S. M. Johnson gave, in French, "Esther's Appeal to Ahasuerus"; E. L. Dewdney gave "Wolsey's Farewell"; C. H. Aspland contributed "Sir Galahad"; and A. Verne, "The Dream of Eugene Aram." Of these the latter speech was most loudly applauded, perhaps because in revived in the memories of most of the recollections of their own school days, and some remembered the quotation, omne ignotum pro magnifico. There was then an interval for refreshments, which were provided on a lavish scale, and the entertainment concluded with a presentation of Mrs. Jarley's waxworks ably described by Miss Aspland, and effectively handled by Mr. Phillips, of Ethiopia. Among these works of art, all of which were creditable, E. L. Dewdney as Nero, S. M. Johnson as an Indian Chief, J. B. Hanington as the Ancient Mariner, and L. Spencer as Henry VIII, was especially noticeable. Messrs. Sharp and Laing of the Collegiate school must have been gratified by the members and appreciation of their guests, and by the manifest interest taken in the success of the school.

IN THE DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

Closing Exercises of Special Interest at Esquimalt, Oak Bay, Tofino and Goldstream.

Great interest was evidenced by the many friends and parents of the children of the Esquimalt school in the closing exercises of the term, which were held yesterday afternoon. Neither time nor trouble had been spared by teacher and pupils in decorating the room, which presented quite a neat and tasty appearance. Mr. Campbell was congratulated by the trustees and visitors on the marked improvement in all branches of the school work during the past term; and the removal by death of Mr. John Doran was alluded to by several of the speakers in feeling terms, general regret being expressed at his absence from the closing exercises at the school which in the past he had so delighted to attend. During the afternoon the pupils of the school, under the leadership of Mr. H. Middleton, gave the following pleasing programme in excellent style:

Address of welcome—Violet Goodwin Song—"The Birdie's Call"—School Song—"The Pilot"—School Song—"The Maple Leaf"—School Song—"Good Night"—School Song—"Style London Dress"—School Recitation—Ellen Nunn

Mrs. Langmaid presented the prizes and presents to the girls in a graceful manner, while Mr. E. Baynes Reed distributed to the boys their gifts and prizes, in a short speech congratulating both teachers and pupils on the results of the term. The prizes were then presented to the girls, and the boys followed in the same happy vein, and Trustee Goodwin presided. After cheers for the trustees and teacher, the audience dispersed with the singing of "God Save the Queen." The promotion lists follow:

From Senior Fourth to Junior Fifth—Mable Porter, Esther Kerr, Ellen Munn, Willie Henwood, and Willie Isbister. From Junior Fourth to Senior Fourth—Fred Hickey, Bella Isbister, Alice Atkins, George Muir, and James Doran. From Third Class to Junior Fourth—Percy Hayden, Munn Munn, Lizzie Henwood, Maud Kerr, Willie Jordan, Bella Frith, Annie Young, Nellie Bisson and Maggie Blatchford.

The pupils of the Oak Bay school, of which Miss Josephine Colquhoun is teacher, celebrated the coming of Christmas yesterday with closing exercises, of which a real old fashioned Christmas tree was a conspicuous feature. The room, too, was very prettily decorated, and addresses were made by several of the visitors including Rev. Dr. Wilson of the Church of our Lord, R. E., and Rev. J. C. Forster, the Resident Presbyterian minister. The pro-

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motions announced for the term just ended were as follows: From Senior Second to Junior Third—Ethel Smith, Winnie Tuck, Stephen Hemwood, Alfred Hammond, and Sadie Astle. From Junior Second to Senior Second—Willie Wensley, Eva Muir, Mammie Stock, Maggie Kerr, Phoebe Glover and Edith Clayton. From Chart Class to First Primer—Gordon Edwards, Clarence McLarty, Herbert Vye, Willie Sutherland and Margaret Rich. Second Primer to Second Reader—Maggie Sutherland and Nora Rich. Second Reader to Third Reader—Marion Elwyn, Beatrice Eden and Ellen W. Radford. Third Reader to Junior Fourth Reader—Ann Holmes.

The closing examination of Tolmie school took place on Friday last, when in the afternoon a pleasing programme was rendered by the pupils to a large gathering of parents and friends. The promotion list was as follows:

MISS M. GIBSON, TEACHER. From Junior to Senior Fifth Reader—Ada Mary Driver and Louisa Carto. From Senior Fourth to Junior Fifth Reader—James Owens, William Wratall, Annie Johnson, Rachel Ferguson, Mabel Liddell and Bernice Peter. From Junior Fourth to Senior Fourth—William Gillespie, Henry Driver, Herbert Clarence Caselton and Margaret Russell.

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From Chart to First Primer—Olive Sewell, Ethel Chislett and Jennie Duncan. PRIZE LIST. Senior Fifth—Dorothy M. Moxon, first in examination; and Alice Maud Turner, attendance and deportment. Junior Fifth—Ada Mary Driver, and Louisa Carto. Junior Fourth—William Gillespie, and Fred Liddell. Junior Third—Margaret Driver, and Mary Turner. Junior Third—Albert Hancock, and Eva Ferguson. Second Reader—May A. M. Graham, and Lottie Grimm. Second Primer—Isabella Macdonald, and Francis Driver. Chart Class—Olive Sewell, and Harold Abbott.

Friday last was closing day in the Goldstream public school in connection with the Christmas holidays. The term just ended has been a very successful one for all the pupils attending. Quite a number of interested visitors were present, and after the presenting of prizes and the reading of the promotion lists, short addresses were given by Trustees Shair, Frazer and Rhoads. A vote of thanks was tendered to Miss Harrison for the efficient manner in which she has conducted the affairs of the school during the term, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of "God Save the Queen."

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OUR VISITORS.

The Dominion ministers who have lately visited this Province evidently act upon the principle contained in the beatitude, "Blessed are they who expect nothing for they shall not be disappointed." Both Mr. Davies and Mr. Blair spoke highly of the resources and the capabilities of the Province, and they expressed themselves favorably as to the projected railway undertakings, but they were very careful not to make any specific promise. This is a discreet policy. The ministers have not been long in office. They cannot tell, as yet, how the rank and file of the party feel with respect to British Columbia railway undertakings. They have, according to their own admissions, just discovered British Columbia. What they have seen and heard since they came to this far Western Province has impressed them with its importance relatively to the other provinces of the Dominion; but they cannot tell how many of the members of their party on whom they must depend for support have formed an equally high estimate of the capabilities of the Pacific Province. It is quite probable that a large number of the members from Ontario and Quebec have come to the conclusion that the Ministers have been dazzled by the glitter of the gold they have seen and heard so much about, and that they have formed an opinion of the capabilities of this Province altogether disproportionate to its actual importance. It is well known that the Liberal members are, as a class, rather slow, and it is only reasonable to conclude that the Ministers are acting wisely in "going slow."

For our own part, we have not the slightest doubt as to what will be the ultimate verdict of the representatives of the whole Dominion. We expect to see before very long among the least enterprising members of the majority in the House of Commons, the most enthusiastic advocates of British Columbia enterprises. But they must be allowed time to come to sound conclusions.

We must say that we are a little disappointed that some member of the Laurier Government has not taken the bull by the horns and become the enthusiastic advocate of British Columbia railway improvement. Caution and prudence are very good things, but there is such a thing as being too cautious and too prudent. Those who are old enough, must have a lively remembrance of the horror with which the Liberals, as a party, regarded Sir John Macdonald's scheme of a railway across the continent. It was vehemently denounced as a crazy scheme that no one but a lunatic would undertake. If Sir John and his fellow workers were as discreet and as prudent as the present Minister of Marine and Fisheries and the Minister of Railways and Canals, the Pacific railway scheme would never have gone beyond the incipient stage. But the veteran Premier acted on the principle "Nothing venture nothing win," and he performed what hundreds of thousands loudly declared to be sheer impossibilities. The magnificent Canadian Pacific railway is the result of his splendid imprudence—his glorious indiscretion. We are beginning to think that the hopes of British Columbians with respect to railway development will not be realized until our railway schemes are taken hold of by some man possessing Sir John Macdonald's enterprise, courage and foresight. Is that man in sight? We fear not.

THE CORNWALL ELECTION.

The result in Cornwall shows that the tide has set in against the Conservatives. It is, however, altogether inaccurate to represent Cornwall as a Catholic constituency. The population of Stormont and Cornwall was, in 1895, 27,156, of which 16,577 were Protestants and 10,579 Catholics. These are the figures of the Canadian Year Book of the year 1896. The Government's majority is only about 500, which proves nothing at all as to the way in which the Catholics voted.

CHOOSE GOOD MEN.

We trust that the civic electors of Victoria are on the look-out for good men to represent them in the next City Council. We trust that they will not listen to the candidacy of a man who has already proved himself a failure as a Councillor. It is not reasonable to conclude that the man who has used his position in the Council to forward his own ambitious schemes and to wreak his vengeance on those who have offended him will be different in the future from what he has been in the past. Men do not change the habits of a lifetime suddenly. The true nature of the man will assert itself in spite of prudential considerations. What a councillor has been in the past, it is only fair to assume he will be in the future. If he has been self-assertive and unpracticable in the past, it is only fair to assume that he will be so in the future. We would like to see men selected as candidates to represent the citizens who cannot be suspected of having any motives in seeking election other than to perform the duties of City Councillor independently and for the good of the whole city.

OUR UTFLANDERS.

There are in this Province at the present time a large number of Utflanders. Does the Government of either the Province or the Dominion treat them badly? Are they regarded with suspicion and distrust by Canadians and other British subjects? Are they made to feel that they are intruders who are not entitled to the full protection of the laws of the land? We have heard no complaints. On the contrary, the American miners in the Kootenay country feel quite at home in British Columbia. In fact, some among them do not hesitate to say that the difference between the mining camps on both sides of the line is largely in favor of British Columbia.

The mining laws of the Province, they say, are good, and the other laws are honestly enforced. There is no mining camp on the American side of the line, we are told, in which law is respected and enforced as it is in Rossland and the other Kootenay towns. Whatever growling there is in Kootenay comes from British subjects, and not from American citizens. We are glad to know that this is the case. John Cull is a chronic growler, and he is never happy unless he has a grievance to complain of. We have yet to hear the first complaint from an American Kootenay miner.

This is a pleasant state of things. We would be very sorry to hear that American settlers on British territory were made to feel uncomfortable by their neighbors of British origin. If any invidious distinction social, or other, were made between American citizens and British subjects it would act as a drawback on enterprise, and would materially retard the development of the country. From all that we can learn the best feeling exists between the miners of all nationalities in the Kootenay country. There is, in fact, very little to remind them that they are of different nationalities.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT.

A movement has been set on foot in San Francisco for effecting city improvements. The citizens have become weary of calling upon the Corporation to mend matters, so they have decided to put their own shoulders to the wheel. This is what the Chronicle of that city says about the movement:

The general awakening on the subject of street improvement which has come to pass speaks well for the labors of the Merchants' Association. When that useful body was formed it had popular apathy to contend with, as well as official unthrift and misfeasance; but it has, by dint of wise persistence, roused civic pride and inspired, among the taxpayers, a healthy spirit of self-help. The street-improvement club is now nearly as pervasive as the political club in a lively campaign. We have such organizations on Polk, Larkin, Fillmore, Sixth, Ninth, Stockton, Sixteenth and Valencia streets, and are likely to have several more. Their present policy is mainly one of electric lighting, but in time it may be expected that they will take up other plans of betterment, including street paving, cleaning and sewerage.

One of the great benefits expected of this movement is a better municipal administration of public works. City officials care little for the complaints and admonitions of men, but they fear the power of organizations. Much of the best pavement now in the city has been laid because of the way improvement clubs have gone to work to get it. The Supervisors and the Street Department were unable to withstand their steady and relentless pressure. When the clubs now in existence or yet to be formed get their lighting problems solved, they can, by joining issues, work a radical change in the fast-and-loose policy by which the maximum of expense is combined with the minimum of result in street management. It will be a great service to San Francisco to have the keen

eye of organizations fixed upon every dollar's worth of street or sewer work that is performed. Then there will be some honest results.

The new movement of the taxpayers is, fortunately, extending to Market street, and there is now hope that this great thoroughfare—the avenue of finest possibilities in the West—will soon become worthy of the Coast metropolis. This prospect, it is almost needless to say, is much enhanced by the influences which the Merchants' Association are bringing to bear and the vigor with which its executive committee has taken hold of the special case.

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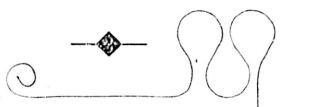
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To-Day Services in City Churches Have Special Reference to the Hallowed Festival.

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Friday of this week being Christmas the services in the majority of the churches to-day will be largely preparatory to the observance of the great festival of the Christian church, while it is expected that on the holiday itself unusually attractive musical programmes will be presented, with the supplementary features of tasteful decorations and appropriate sermons. The religious exercises at Christ Church Cathedral commence this morning with holy communion at 8 a.m., there being at 11 o'clock matins and sermon by the Bishop and at 7 evening song and sermon by Canon Beaulieu, to be followed by a devotional meeting concluding by the Bishop in preparation for Christmas communion. At St. John's there will be the usual services of the morning and evening, the rector, Rev. Percival Jenks, preaching, and the order of music for the day being as hereunder:

MORNING.
Organ Vol.—"But Who May Abide"
Venite and Psalms—to chants appointed.
Te Deum—Tune and Elvey
Benedictus—51, 47, 289 and 337.
Organ Vol.—"And He Shall Purify"
from "The Messiah"—Handel

EVENING.
Psalms—to chants appointed.
Magnificat—Barnby
Hymns—50, 463 and 288.
Nunc Dimittis—Felton

At St. James' church there will be Holy Communion at 8, morning prayer, antiphonal and sermon at 11, Sunday school at 2:30 in the afternoon, and evening prayer with sermon by Rev. J. B. Haslam at 7. No special announcements are made for St. Barnabas, save that at evening service Rev. J. H. Sweet will preach, exchanging pulpits with the rector, Rev. Mr. Haslam. For the Church of the Holy Saviour the announcements are: 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., morning prayer and litany; 3 p.m., Sunday school; and at 7 p.m., evensong and sermon. In St. Luke's no departure will be made from the usual order of service.

To-day marks the completion of the thirty-fifth year in the history of the Metropolitan Methodist Sunday school, special exercises being of course arranged to take place throughout the day in honor of the occasion. In the morning there will be an appropriate sermon to the young folks by the pastor, Rev. Solomon Cleaver, with music by the school orchestra and the church choir. In the afternoon the usual Sunday school exercises will be varied with the reading of the annual reports, addresses and more special music; while in the evening a Christmas service of song by the Sunday school, orchestra and choir will take the place of the usual church service, there being no sermon, although Rev. Mr. Cleaver will deliver a short address. The pastor of Centennial church, Rev. J. P. Betts, makes no special announcements for to-day, while at the Bay church, the pastor, Rev. T. J. McCrossan, conducts all services, taking for his evening theme "Peter Withstood by Paul." In Victoria West, Mr. L. Tait conducts the morning service and the pastor, Rev. J. P. Hicks, officiates at 7 p.m., when the subject will be "Judahs," Rev. Mr. Hicks will in the morning be with the congregation at Esquimalt.

Rev. Ralph W. Trotter, B. T., pastor of Calvary Baptist church, preaches there both morning and evening, his morning subject being "Zeal" and his evening being "Light"—with special and interesting illustrations. At Emmanuel church, Spring Ridge, the pastor, Rev. P. H. McEwen, will preach both morning and evening, his subject at the 11 o'clock service being "The Genesis of Sin," and that for the evening "The Genesis of Redemption," with special reference to the Christmas season.

At the First Presbyterian church, Rev. D. H. Reid will preach in the morning and in the evening, his subject for the forenoon being "The Fullness of the Holy Spirit," and that for the evening "The Gifts of Gifts." In St. Andrew's church, Mr. Thomas Iwas Tamama, B.A., will preach on missionary work in Japan at the 11 o'clock service; the pastor, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, officiating in the evening. No special announcements are made for St. Paul's church, where Rev. D. MacRae preaches in the morning and in the evening, or for the Methodist churches in which Rev. J. C. Foster conducts the customary service.

Rev. P. C. L. Harris conducts all the customary services to-day at the First Congregational church, of which he is pastor, the subjects for both morning and evening having direct reference to the coming of Christmas. In the evening the pastor and his brother, Mr. F. C. Harris, of Vancouver, will sing a duet.

In the "Home of Truth," Harmony hall, services will be conducted to-day by Mr. Walter Putnam at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. There will also be a healing meeting at 7:30 on Tuesday evening, and services on Christmas day.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge preaches this morning in the church of Our Lord, the reformed Episcopal, his theme being "The Approaching End of the Age." Rev. Dr. Wilson fills the pulpit in the evening, his subject being, "Love Shall Wash Cold." Both sermons will treat of the second advent.

There will be all the customary exercises of the Lord's Day at St. Andrew's R. C. cathedral, the priests of the diocese officiating.

There will be the usual meeting this evening at the headquarters of the Theosophical Society, at 28 Broad street, the subject for consideration being "The Law of Laws."

There will be the usual gospel service in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, Broad street, this afternoon at 4 o'clock, the address being by Rev. Dr. Wilson.

Christadelphians meet for worship at A.O.U.W. hall to-day at the usual hours.

RE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

TO THE EDITOR:—With reference to my candidature for election to the Board of Aldermen as a representative for the South or James Bay Ward, I am advised by my solicitors that in the matter of the harbor improvements "it might possibly be held that I had an interest sufficient to disqualify me." I have therefore decided to withdraw my name as a candidate. Allow me through your columns to thank those who had, unsolicited, promised me their cordial support.

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THE "WINNIFRED" SEIZURE.

Captain Hansen Tells His Story Before the Behring Sea Claims Commission.

At yesterday's session of the Behring Sea Claims Commission, Captain Hansen, who was mate of the Teresa in 1889 on the Behring sea cruise, was examined as to the catch for that year and as to the seizure of the Pathfinder, for the purpose of showing that seal were very plentiful at the time the Pathfinder was made a prisoner. Then Captain Hansen gave evidence as to his experience in shooting seal, saying his own loss was about two per cent. of the seals shot. The last witness had tried Indians in 1889, but did not find them satisfactory, as for one thing they were too religious to lower their boats on Sunday, and some other days would come back to the vessel before noon and could not be persuaded to go out again that day.

Questioned as to the case of the Winnifred in 1892, Captain Hansen said she was warned this year not to go into Behring sea, but while hunting off Avanaak Island outside the sea a heavy southeaster sprang up with the Winnifred on a lee shore. To save the vessel he was obliged to run through the pass into Behring sea. He tried to get out again, but unsuccessfully, for the next few days, owing first to the storm and then to a calm; during that time he managed to shoot a few seal, and the rush coming along seized the vessel and took her to Sitka. Witness was imprisoned in the jail, but was bailed out, and left, never going back for trial.

The cross-examination of this witness by the United States was postponed till Monday.

Emil Ramlase gave evidence as to his experience in seal hunting, and went into a number of minute details of his daily catch in 1894 and one or two other years. James Munger, of Seattle, who was aboard the Carolina in 1886 as a boat steerer at the time of the seizure, stated that he had heard a rumor aboard the Carolina such as Cotsford spoke of the other day, as to there being a likelihood of a shortage of provisions.

On Mr. Bodwell for the British side asking the witness if he knew anything of the provisions, Hon. Mr. Dickinson objected that this would not be evidence in rebuttal, but that it was evidence that should have been put in before the case in chief had closed. It was only the other day that Mr. Munse in his examination had stated that he could not find this witness.

In reply to this, and to show that Mr. Munse had spoken in good faith, an unopened letter was produced by the British side that had been sent to witness on November 15, asking him to appear on behalf of Mr. Munse. This letter, however, had never reached Munger, but was returned through the dead letter office.

After a long contention between counsel, Mr. Justice King, for the commissioners, ruled on the ground that the evidence was being given simply in rebuttal of the statement by Cotsford that there had been a rumor as to shortage of provisions, the question asked this witness had gone far enough. If, however, the British side had substantial grounds for asking that the witness be allowed to give evidence, because they had not been able to secure him before, that was a different matter.

Wicks v. Montgomery, however, said the British side did not desire to press the last named argument, simply wishing to use the witness for rebuttal.

The commission adjourned at one o'clock till Monday morning.

IN THE FULL COURT OF B. C.

List of Cases Disposed of at the Sitting Just Closed.

The Full court of British Columbia which has just completed its sitting has accomplished a more than usually large amount of work within the past week or so, the following being the complete list of cases disposed of:

Wicks v. Montgomery—Argued; judgment reserved. Mr. Charles Wilson, Q.C., for appellant; Mr. E. P. Davis, Q.C., contra.

Re Trustees Relief Act, Western Assurance Company—Issue directed; Mr. T. Fell to be plaintiff. Mr. F. B. Gregory for appellant (plaintiff); Mr. L. P. Duff, contra. Dunlevy v. Hawkes—Argued; judgment reserved. Mr. P. J. Lynch for appellant (plaintiff); Mr. C. Wilson, Q.C., contra. Clayton v. Lawry—Sent back to Judge Spinks for his reasons for judgment. Mr. A. Martin for appellant (defendant); Mr. Geo. Jay, jr., contra.

Consolidated Railway Co. v. City of Victoria—Argued; judgment reserved. Mr. W. J. Taylor for appellant (defendant); Mr. E. P. Davis, Q.C., contra. Sprout and Harris v. Kerlin—Action transferred to Supreme court and receiver appointed. Mr. R. Cassidy for appellant (defendant); Mr. H. D. Heinke, Q.C., for Sprout, contra; Mr. W. J. Taylor, for Harris, consenting to transfer, and asking for receiver.

Re Aldous—extension of time for appeal refused. Mr. Chas. Wilson, Q.C., for; Mr. E. P. Davis, Q.C., contra. Nelson & Port Sheppard Ry. v. Paris Belle Mining Co.—introductory appeal allowed. Mr. W. J. Taylor, for appellant; Mr. P. E. Irving, contra.

Wells v. Petty—Argued; judgment reserved. Mr. E. P. Davis, Q.C., for appellant (plaintiff); Mr. W. J. Taylor, contra. Napier, Shanks & Bell v. Canadian Pacific Navigation Co.—stands until next court. Mr. E. V. Bodwell, for appellant (defendant); Mr. W. J. Taylor, contra.

Nelson & Port Sheppard Railway Company v. Paris Belle Mining Co.—hearing for appeal next court. Mr. E. V. Bodwell for plaintiffs; Mr. W. J. Taylor for appellants.

McCluskey v. Nelson Saw Mill Co.—sent back to Judge Spinks for notes of evidence. Mr. A. Martin for appellant (plaintiffs); Mr. W. J. Taylor contra.

Canadian Pacific Railway v. Bryan—appeal allowed, and new trial ordered. Mr. E. P. Davis, Q.C., for plaintiffs; Mr. Charles Wilson, Q.C., and Mr. Macdonald for plaintiffs.

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EXTRAORDINARY TIDE.

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Seals Reported Plentiful Off the Golden Gate—The "Cairnsmore" Clears.

The Port Townsend correspondent of the Post-Intelligencer is authority for the statement that the tide of Wednesday and Thursday next will be the highest recorded in many years, and considerable apprehension is manifested in certain circles regarding damages to property. At Port Townsend the rise will be eleven feet and seven inches above the mean low water mark; at Seattle it will be four feet higher; Tacoma, five feet; and Olympia, nine feet ten inches higher. These calculations are based on ordinary tides, but the extraordinary tides on the shortest days in the year will probably increase these estimates a few inches. Should a gale from the west or southwest prevail off the coast of Washington, a large embankment of water would be forced up the strait increasing the height of the tide two or three feet, in which event it would be almost impossible to forecast the result. At this season southerly gales are expected, particularly about December 23 and 24. On the Sound and in the Strait at the present time are large quantities of drift wood, which the high tides have carried off the beach, and much careful navigation is necessary in handling vessels to avoid colliding with large floating logs or trees. The highest tide in 1897 will be on January 1, and will be nine feet eleven inches, or nearly two feet less than the high tides of this month.

For seals are reported off San Francisco heads in greater numbers than ever before, the schooner Eppinger taking over 50 skins the first two days after leaving port, with all of the boats out when she was reported on the second day. "This state of affairs," says the Oregonian, "must be particularly distressing to the seal experts who, by a scientific course of reasoning, have practically exterminated the seal. Every year the vast herds, in undiminished numbers, swim up the coast of California, Oregon and Washington."

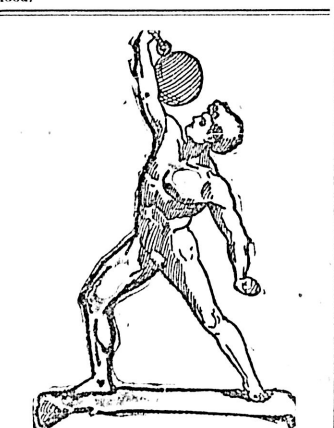
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Tacoma in the Christmas Holi-
days—Association Football.

The first match of the season between the Victoria Rugby football club and the Navy was played yesterday at Calcedonia park and resulted in a win for Victoria of six points to nil. Owing to the recent heavy rain the ground was too soft to admit of good combination and passing, and the game in consequence was one in which the forwards had to bear the brunt of the contest. The ball was kicked off by Victoria and straightway taken into the Navy twenty-five, where Victoria made several ineffectual attempts to score. At last, however, the Navy forwards carried the ball into Victoria's twenty-five, and for a short time it looked dangerous for the home team, particularly when the Navy were awarded a free kick. The Victoria forwards rose to the occasion, however, and again the ball was carried to the Navy end of the field. Here Miller, Gamble and Schofield several times secured, but for the prompt tackling of the Navy back contingent would have crossed the latter's touch line. Half time being called found the ball in centre field, neither side having scored. After the usual rest play was resumed, the play for the longer portion of the second half being near the Navy's twenty-five line. The first touch down for Victoria was scored by Langley and the place kick taken by Petticrew, who failed, however, to convert. The Navy afterwards tried hard to score, and succeeded once in getting within Victoria's territory, but the ball was promptly returned to centre field, where Wilson secured it and by a splendid run added another try to the score of the city team. No goal was scored, and shortly after "no side" was called, the play being then at the Navy's end of the field. Dr. Marriott, of H.M.S. Wild Swan, acted as referee.

The Navy will have their chance for revenge at the return match to be played next Saturday at the Canteen grounds, while Westminster is sending down a team to play the Victorias on New Year's Day.

ANOTHER WIN FOR THE REGIMENT.

The Regiment added another victory to their list yesterday, when they defeated the Y.M.C.A. football team by two goals and two tries (sixteen points) to two goals (ten points). The game throughout was fast and exciting.

WHIST.

THE RETURN MATCH.

Teams of fourteen players a side of the James Bay Athletic and Conservative clubs will engage in their return match of whist at the Athletic club rooms tomorrow evening. Players are requested to be on hand at the appointed time, as play will commence promptly. The James Bay team is: H. D. Helmcken, A. J. Dallain, A. C. Anderson, C. L. Wark, J. H. Austin, C. E. Bailey, W. J. Scott, J. K. Macrae, R. W. Clarke, F. A. Gowen, J. M. Miller, F. C. Holden, W. D. Aden and A. H. Finlaison.

Members of the James Bay club are also requested to notice that the usual weekly whist tournament will this week take place on Wednesday evening, instead of on Thursday.

GOLF.

A TOURNAMENT ARRANGED.

A mixed foursome tournament has been arranged by the Victoria Golf Club to be played on their links at Oak Bay on Saturday next, the day after Christmas, by the members only. It is, however, open to gentlemen members to invite any lady player, who is not a member, to take part in the event. Members and their partners desiring to enter will kindly send in their joint names to the secretary not later than the 23rd inst.—the entrance fee is fifty cent for the gentlemen only.

An invitation has been sent from the Tacoma Golf Club to the members of the Victoria club to take part in a tournament they have arranged for New Year's day on their links at Tacoma. The secretary will be pleased to receive the names of those likely to go as soon as possible, so that they may be forwarded to Tacoma.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Y.M.C.A. V. R.M.A.

In the words of the Barracks men it was a case of bombarding the Y.M.C.A.'s goal during the greater portion of the game played on their grounds yesterday afternoon. Spasmodically a hard attack would be made on the Barracks defence, but it was repulsed generally with overwhelming strength, the goalkeeper, Shaw, being almost impregnable in his territory. In the absence of Gadsby, Irvine played back for the Barracks. The game throughout was full of animation, although the ground was far from being in good condition. For the Barracks Hall kicked five goals, Hanbury two, Canon one, and Barraclough one, making a total of nine to their opponents' one.

Cook Will Stay With Yale.

Bob Cook, Yale's veteran coach, denies utterly that he has or ever has had any intention of severing his connection with Yale athletics. He says that he is more than ever interested in Yale's boating prospects and has several plans to improve the present methods, which he will try before the graduates within a few weeks. Mr. Cook believes that Yale can profit by her experience at Henley and is anxious to try some of the English ideas on rowing. It is said also that the graduates who control Yale's boating are satisfied with Mr. Cook's work at Henley and will insist on his retaining his position as head coach.

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CUBAN RECOGNITION.

Not Much Excitement in London Caused by Senator Cameron's Motion—No Difficulties Anticipated.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—In spite of the flaming placards announcing it, the action of the foreign relations committee of the United States senate in agreeing to report Senator Cameron's report providing for the recognition of the republic of Cuba, has not caused any excitement in London. Most of the politicians are out of town, and the bankers and brokers were unmoved. There was a fall on the stock exchange in American and Spanish securities in sympathy with the downward movement reported from Wall street, but it was shortly followed by a recovery.

The manager of the Bank of Spain in England, said he did not expect any great fluctuations as a result of the "regrettable action of the senate committee." He added that the rate of exchange so far had not changed and remains firm, "steadied largely by the recent success of the Spanish loans." Continuing, he said: "Of course, there has been excitement in Madrid, but some action of the senate has been considered inevitable and yesterday's action was largely discounted. It will no doubt increase the feelings which Spain will manifest during the next few days. But I do not look for any marked change in the financial situation."

Mr. Howard Potter, of Brown, Shipley & Co., does not consider any change in the financial situation to be imminent, and other bankers and brokers who were interviewed on the subject expressed the same opinion.

A leading member of the Spanish colony and a gentleman holding a high official position said: "The Spanish colony in London is too few in number to be of much importance. But our leading merchants in the cork and wine trades are greatly grieved at the attitude taken by the American business houses in regard to Cuba, and they still more regret that Americans believe the story that Antonio Maceo was assassinated. He was a brave man, as was shown by his facing the enemy, when a chance shot happily aimed by a soldier killed him."

In official Spanish circles in London it is not believed that any difficulty will ensue. The Spanish government, it is claimed, is acting with every prudence and with the highest degree of statesmanship. The effect of the senate committee's action in Spain will not be known for a few days, owing to the interruption in the lines on account of severe weather and the government censorship of telegrams. Although the censorship is not rigorous at present, still a jealous eye is kept on dispatches emanating from Madrid and elsewhere.

The Evening News, referring to the Cuban situation this afternoon, says: "There is little doubt as to what will be the answer when as strong a nation as America recognizes the rebels, which is decidedly unfriendly and cannot be disguised by the offer of good offices. Spain is not strong, but she is high-spirited, and it will no doubt see in this action a determination to force a quarrel. We have hope in the firm attitude of President Cleveland and the sober American feeling and that any action of America will not be taken in such a way as to incur reproach, but it has stirred instead of healed the strife."

The Sun says: "If America recognizes Cuba the fate of Spain's colonial empire and the present monarchy will be decided next year, as it is hard to see how Spain can avoid responding to the recognition by declaring war." After dwelling on the fact that she has only herself to blame by adopting "pizzaro methods" in Cuba, the Sun says: "Affairs show that America must henceforth be seriously counted on in the settlement of international questions, whenever the interests or sentiments of its people are affected."

The St. James Gazette urges Spain to remain calm and throw the odium of aggression on the other side, adding: "If she keeps quiet the United States will be in an awkward dilemma, having either to allow the recognition to remain an empty demonstration or take an offensive action, and Americans will think twice before assuming the responsibility of such hopeless anarchy as the so-called Cuban republic."

Belts and sashes are all important features of costumes. Closely folded belts as deep as a corselet are very graceful and must fit the wearer like a glove. According to the New York Sun, when made of silk or satin such a belt can be worn with any gown—mohair, silk or lawn. Loosely draped sashes are charming with muslin gowns on very slight figures or youthful wearers, and are now almost a necessity for a complete toilet. If only the belt or sash, collar and bows to correspond, are well chosen and made up with taste and elegance, the plainest dress can be converted into a toilet fit for any occasion.

The Salad Bowl.

A pleasing variation from the china salad dish are salad bowls of cut glass. Some of these are finished with rims of silver and are accompanied by a silver fork and spoon especially designed for serving salad. In New York are shown cut glass bowls with silver mounts and silver salad fork and spoons with cut glass handles, these latter being decided novelties.



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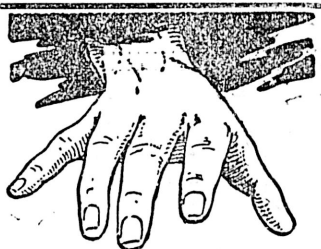
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Victoria, B.C., December 19, 1896.



NOTICE.

Lease of Timber Limits,

QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLAND.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 21st January, 1897, from any person, persons, or corporation, for permission to lease the under-mentioned lands for the purpose of cutting spars, timber or lumber, subject to the provisions of the "Land Act," and amendments thereto, viz:
Lots 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, Queen Charlotte Island; containing in the aggregate 10,314 acres.
The competitor offering the highest cash bonus will be entitled to a lease of the premises for a term of twenty-one years.
Each tender must be accompanied by a certified bank cheque to cover the cost of survey, \$1,085.70, the first year's rental, \$1,647.10, and the amount of the bonus tendered. The cheques will be at once returned to unsuccessful competitors.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works,
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 23rd November, 1896. n28-1m

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned for house and lot with outbuildings, up to the 19th December. Can be seen by applying on the premises 299 Moss street, A. Edwards del-6

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Municipal Voters' List, 1897.

The Municipal Voter's Lists for the year 1897, as prepared by the undersigned, are on view in his office.
By Order,
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.
City Clerk's Office, Dec. 17, 1896. del-8



PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

15th December, 1896.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor in Council directs that the following Rules, framed under the authority of the "County Courts Act," shall come into force from the 24th day of December, 1896.

By Command,
JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

1. There shall be a vacation in the County Courts of Victoria, New Westminster and Vancouver, from the 24th day of December, 1896, to the 3rd day of January, 1897, both days inclusive, during which vacation, subject to the further provisions hereinafter contained, no cause shall be tried.
2. Nothing in these Rules shall interfere with the issue or service of writs, default or judgment summonses, or garnishee proceedings, or with proceedings for obtaining judgment or default summonses.
3. Nothing in these Rules shall interfere with any criminal proceedings.
4. During said vacation the office hours of the Offices of the Court shall be in accordance with Rule 63 of the Supreme Court Rules.
5. These Rules may be cited as the "County Courts (Christmas) Vacation Rules, 1896." del-8



NOTICE.

Assessment Act.

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision and Appeal will sit as follows:
For the Electoral Districts of Victoria City and Cassiar:—At 46 Langley street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday the 28th and Tuesday the 29th days of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For the Electoral District of South Victoria:—At the Royal Oak on Saturday, the 19th day of December, 1896, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., and at John Camp's, South Saanich, on Saturday the 20th day of December, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon.

For that portion of North Victoria Electoral District known as North Saanich:—On Saturday, the 12th day of December, 1896, at the Sidney Hotel, Sidney, at 12 o'clock noon.

For the Electoral District of Esquimalt:—On Friday, the 18th day of December, 1896, at Henry Price's, Parsons Bridge, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Electoral Districts of Comox and Cassiar known as the Coast, Rupert, Sayward and Quatsino Land Districts:—At 46 Langley street, Victoria, on Monday the 21st day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Cowichan-Alberni Electoral District known as Barclay and Clayoquot Land Districts:—At Langley street, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Dated at Victoria, this 24th day of November, 1896.

S. PERRY MILLS,
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal. del-3wd&v

Estate of William Gibson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Alonzo S. Taylor, of Everett, State of Washington, U.S., by order of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walker, has been appointed to administer, within the Province of British Columbia, the estate of the above-named deceased, who died at Monte Cristo, Snohomish County, State of Washington, on the 22nd day of December, 1895.

All debts owing to the said estate are to be paid, and all claims against the said estate are to be presented duly verified, to the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1896.

SAMUEL D. SCHULTZ,
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Solicitor for the Administrator.

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Wool Plaids, 30c., reduced to	.15
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Silk Finish Hermsdorf Black Hose, 50c., reduced to	.25
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Children's Black Ribbed Hose, 25c., reduced to	.10
Children's All-wool Ribbed Hose, 25c., reduced to	.10
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Agave, \$1.00, reduced to	.55
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Ladies' Nightdresses, 65c., reduced to	.40
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Embroidery, 90c., \$1.00, \$1.25 doz., reduced to	40c., 50c., 60c.
Silk Ties, 25c., 35c., reduced to	10c., 15c.
Tulle Veiling, 15c., reduced to	5c.
Colored Border Handkerchiefs, 90c. doz., reduced to	25c.
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Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

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1 a.m.	45°	Mean
5 a.m.	46°	Mean
a.m.	46°	Highest
1 p.m.	50°	1 p.m.—4 N.E.
5 p.m.	40°	Lowest
9 p.m.	47°	9 p.m.—4 W.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

No Sun.

Barometer 9 a.m. ... 30.006
Observed ... 30.006
Reduced ... 30.006

E. BAYNES REED, Observer.

Your Xmas Photos?

It is about time, if you wish to send them to the Old Country. You want the best—that is Car-bonnettes made by

Skene Lowe.

MARRIED.

PANTON-KEDDY—At 19 New Terrace, Kelvinside, Glasgow, on the 16th inst., Captain John Pantan, R.N.R., Northern Pacific S.S. Co.'s Victoria, to Daisy, daughter of the late Rev. Wm. Keddy, of London.

(Vancouver papers copy.)

DONALDSON-DONALDSON—In this city, on the 15th inst., by the Rev. T. J. McCrossan, Robert Donaldson, to Janet, daughter of James Donaldson, both of this city.

DIED.

CHAPMAN—At Medicine Hat, on the 12th inst., Emma Jane, daughter of the late Wm. Chapman, aged 34 years, a native of Belleville, Ont. The funeral will take place from Hanna's parlors, Douglas street, Monday, 21st, at 2 p.m. Friends will please accept this intimation. (Belleville papers please copy.)

BENNETT—At his residence, Richmond avenue, on the 19th inst., John S. Bennett, aged 61 years, late of Digby, N.S. The funeral will take place from the residence as above on Monday at 2 o'clock.

St. John and Digby papers please copy.

HARRIS—In this city, on the 17th inst., William T. Harris, a native of New Haven, Connecticut, aged 30 years.

The funeral will take place TO-DAY (Sunday) at 2 o'clock, from Hay ward's undertaking establishment, Government street. Friends are invited to attend.

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PERSONAL.

Miss Carr returned from the South by the City of Kingston last evening.

Hon. Justice Drake returned from the Mainland by last evening's Charming.

R. P. Rithet arrived home from the South by yesterday morning's Rosalie.

Rev. Dr. Campbell arrived home last night from Minneapolis, whither he had been summoned by the sickness and death of his daughter.

J. D. Forrester, of Winnipeg; E. Hutchinson, of Ladners; and James McConnell, of Osoyoos, are among the recent arrivals at the Oriental.

F. C. Gamble, resident engineer of the Dominion government, and Captain R. Collier, inspector of hulls, returned last evening from official visits to the Mainland.

YESTERDAY MORNING Captain J. S. Bennett, formerly of Digby, Nova Scotia, succumbed to the ravages which for more than a year a cancer in the throat and tongue has been making upon his constitution. Indeed, the wonder is that he survived so long, although he received the most loving and untiring attentions of his devoted wife. The agonies which he suffered, borne with Christian fortitude, and the inability to take nourishment had worn him down until he had become little more than a skeleton. His was indeed a patient waiting for the end which came to him in a sleep. The Captain was a native of Nova Scotia and was for many years in command of big vessels in the East and West Indian and South American trade. He was a man of varied and extensive information and was regarded as a skilled navigator. He had only made a few voyages from the Pacific coast, but for several years was engaged at this port in the fitting out of sealers and other craft. The deceased was in his sixty-second year and leaves a widow and several children, towards whom is extended the sincere sympathy of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock, from the family residence, Richmond avenue.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the Colonist.)

Baie de Chaleurs Railway.

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—The Globe's Ottawa correspondent says he is authorized to state that so far from the government having decided to purchase the Baie des Chaleurs railway, such a proposal had not even been made. The proposal, he adds, is that the railway department should keep the road open for winter only.

Buy air-tight heaters at Cheapside.

"NEW STYLES" IN GROCERIES.

This Year's Christmas Stocks Show That
Invention Has Not Been Idle Even
in Table Supplies.

To a good many people a grocery is just a grocery—a collection of boxes and barrels, of butter and tea and dried apples, and nothing else new or more interesting. These are the people who don't keep their eyes open; or if they do, have not yet visited Erskine, Wall & Co.'s and had the assertion that there's nothing new under the sun contradicted by ocular demonstration. During the Christmas season the establishment in question is well worth a call, if only for the purpose of getting new ideas on new table temptations—of seeing what "inventions," if the word may be applied, the past year has produced in the line of manufactured dainties.

Under this head, the sliced goods put up by Flickinger & Co., especially for Erskine Wall & Co.'s trade, deserve first consideration; these include peaches, apricots and all similar fruits, preserved with cream in the orchard, and ready for the table as delicacies fit for a king. The direct importations from France of the famous Rodel et Fils' sardines also command attention; while McLaren's cheeses in jars of all sizes; Gorgonzola cheese, bought direct from London; anchovies in both the oil and salt; stuffed olives, etc., excite the admiration of epicures and the approval of connoisseurs.

In the wine, liquor and liqueur department nothing is wanting that the most complete and carefully selected stocks include. Everything has been specially selected, and an invalid wine is on the list, the very smell of which is strength giving. A fine old Madeira comes this year in fancy vases, suitable for decorative purposes; and for the lovers of "good old Scotch" the firm offer a selection of "Heather-dew" and "Cal-donian," "Sheriff's" and "Inverawe," for which they are sole agents, and than which there is no better in the land.

The bonbons are in infinite variety; Okell & Morris' preserved fruits made a brave showing; and when it comes to turkeys—! Here is where Erskine, Wall & Co. have outdone themselves this year and their proud boast is that for quality no birds in the city can rival theirs. All have been especially selected for their own trade and all sizes are to be had. They request that orders be left early, so that they may be quickly and satisfactorily attended to.

A MEETING of property owners of South Victoria district was held at the Royal Oak last evening to consider the advisability of petitioning the government for the reduction of the rate of assessment on real property in the district. The meeting was attended by a number of the residents of the immediate vicinity, and Hon. D. M. Eberts and Mr. H. D. Helmcken, Q.C., M.P.P., were also present. At the court of revision, held earlier in the day, Mr. S. Perry Mills, judge of the court, reduced quite a number of the assessments, and the subject was discussed at the meeting, the general opinion being that at the present time it would be desirable to have the values property or assessment purposes in the district lowered. This found expression in a resolution asking the government to have this idea carried into effect.

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